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THRU: Jim Smith, Sr. Reclamation Specialist

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RE: Midterm Permit Review, Pacificorp/ Energy West Mining Company, Trail Mountain Mine, C/015/009-MT02-1

SUMMARY:

The midterm review for the Trail Mountain Mine was initiated by way of Division correspondence to Chuck Semborski, Environmental Supervisor on June 17, 2002. The following items were chosen for review:

1. An AVS check to ensure that Ownership and Control information is current and correct.
2. A review of the plan to ensure that the requirements of all permit conditions, division orders, notice of violation abatement plans, and permittee-initiated plan changes are appropriately incorporated into the plan document.
3. A review of the applicable portions of the permit to ensure that the plan contains commitments for application of the best technology currently available (BTCA) to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flows outside of the permit area.
4. A review of the bond to ensure that it is in order and that the cost estimate is accurate and is escalated to the appropriate year dollars.

The Division staff, (Daron Haddock, Jim Smith, Wayne Western, and Joe Helfrich), conducted a technical site visit in conjunction with the assigned compliance inspector Pete Hess on August 8, 2002 to document the status and effectiveness of operational, reclamation, and contemporaneous reclamation practices.

This memo will address item one.

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IDENTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Regulatory Reference: 30CFR773.22; 30CFR778.13; R645-301-112

Analysis:

The ownership and control information is provided for in chapter one of the MRP. An update to that information has been provided as an amendment, (00A), and response to the Cottonwood Midterm. The end dates for individuals who have left their respective companies have been provided. The MRP and the AVS have been updated.

Findings:

The information provided is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations

RECOMMENDATION:

The midterm review is recommended for approval.

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